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Ref Lisbon's 984; Depcirtels 137161, 138199, 140126, 143959

1. In discussion with University rector, believe it best to avoid comment insofar as this is possible and hear what he has to say. You can point out, per ref 137161, that purpose of aid to NSA (which touched off whole controversy) was simply to counter Communist operations.

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2. If question of aid to African-American Institute or other organizations working with African students is raised by Rector you can draw privately at your discretion in general terms Depcirtel 143959 (being repeated Lisbon), [redacted] and Operations Crossroads statement reported septel.

3. If question of Fulbright program raised, you should draw on Depcirtel 140126 to demonstrate its wholly overt and independent character. You could also refer in passing to comments of Sen Fulbright in Reykjavik Feb 22 when questioned about effect CIA financing on Fulbright programs. Reykjavik (Tel 366) reports Sen in lucid statement emphasized financing of program is above board and that he had warned CIA director on numerous occasions "not to have anything to do with Fulbright students." (Substance these remarks reported virtually all Icelandic newspapers).

End.

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